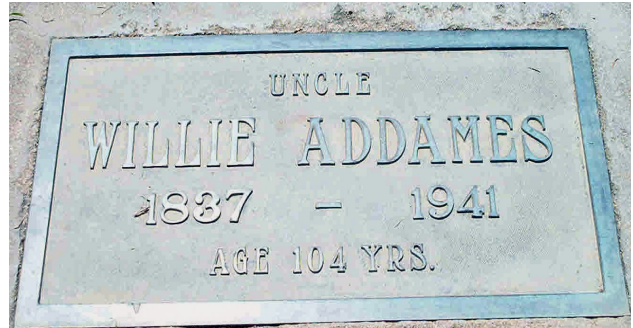


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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Willie Addames



**Birth Date:** 28 April 1837

Location: Born at sea off the Isle of Pines, West Indies  
(See Note under Additional Information)

**Death Date:** 27 April 1941

Location: Orange County Hospital, Orange County, California  
Buried at (Cemetery): Loma Vista Memorial Park  
Plot Location: EG/965,16,2  
GPS Coordinates: N33° 54' 08.06842" W117° 55' 02.51733"  
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location

**Side Served:** Confederate

Rank: Unknown

Company: Unknown

Unit: Unknown

State: Navy and Army (friends and local Civil War Veteran's acknowledged his participation in the Conflict, however, no definite records have been found as to his service)

**Occupation:** Recycler

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** unknown, Germany

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

**Mother:** unknown, Scotland

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

**Spouse:** None

**Children –** None

## Additional Information

Willie Addames lead a colorful life. The tales of his exploits included:

- Born on a ship owned by his parents
- Sailed around Cape Horn at the age of 15
- While on board ship that was stranded in New Orleans, Willie was persuaded to join the Confederate Army
- He was wounded at the Battle of Lookout Mountain
- Fought during the Civil War on the side of the Confederacy and with the Army Scouts after the Civil War
- Willie said he was with the scouts and troops who arrived too late to aid General Custer; they only found the massacre left by the Sioux at the Little Big Horn.
- Knew Wild Bill Hickok and Kit Carson
- Resided in Fullerton for about 20 years living in a shack he built near Santa Fe Avenue

Willies' place of birth has been listed as being – On a ship off West Indies, New York City, In a ship owned by his parents off New York City, and California Death Index States “Other Country”

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Photograph of tombstone for Willie Addames, Loma Vista Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal